

REMARKS

This is a full and timely amendment filed in response outstanding Advisory Action mailed May 30, 2003, and the Examiner's Interview of July 1, 2003. The amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) for presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

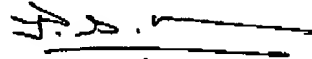
Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-23, 25-32, and 34-41 remain pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 1, 9, 17-18, 24 and 33 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer; while claims 2, 10, 25, and 34 that are formerly dependent claims have been re-presented as independent claims incorporating all the limitations of the former dependent claims with no addition of new matter. Furthermore, currently-amended claims 4, 6, 12, 14, 20, 23, 27, 29, 32, 36 and 38 incorporate all the limitations of the corresponding former dependent claims, with no addition of new matter.

CONCLUSION

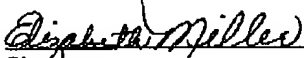
In light of the foregoing amendments Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-23, 25-32, and 34-41 are in condition for allowance. Favorable re-consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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